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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR
Walter P. Tenney

TOWN CLERK
Robert C. Hazelton

SELECTMEN
Preston E. Goodrich George E. Gillingham
Philip G. Hazelton

OVERSEER OF POOR
Philip G. Hazelton

TOWN TREASURER
Leroy D. Morse

COLLECTOR OF TAXES
Roland A. Nichols

SCHOOL BOARD
Leon I. Richardson Rose C. Learnard
Ella A. Allen

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
John H. True

REPRESENTATIVE
Preston E. Goodrich

POLICE OFFICERS
Edward E. Griffin, Chief
George Pettigrew, Special and Dog Officer
John A. West, Special

ROAD AGENT
Charles H. Smith

HEALTH OFFICER
Preston E. Goodrich

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST
William N. Colby Herbert H. True
Clarence A. Wetherbee

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS
John H. True Walter P. Tenney
Mildred F. Hunt

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Robert Partridge Blanche C. Jones
Edith Nichols

CEMETERY TRUSTEES
John A. West Robert H. Hazelton
Harry C. Edwards

TRUSTEES OF WILCOMB-TOWNSEND HOME
Farish G. Lewis Martin Mills
Myrtle Tenney George E. Gillingham
Bertha McCully

TOWN AUDITORS
George E. Rand Harry C. Edwards
John H. True

FIRE CHIEF
Victor B. Spollett

CUSTODIAN OF HALLS
Edward E. Griffin

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:
(L. S.)

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall, in said Chester on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of highways in accordance with the provisions of section 4, Chapter 35, of the Laws of 1905 and pass any vote relating thereto.

5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the purpose of digging gutters.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $520.21 for class five roads: The State to contribute $2,080.84.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for care of the town poor.

8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Public Library.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the decorations of Soldiers graves.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for street lights.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the general expenses of the Fire Department.

12. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

13. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any property acquired by the town through tax collector's deeds.

14. To see if the Town desires to observe Old Home Day and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

15. To see if the town will vote to petition the State tax commission to have an audit made by the municipal accounting division and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

16. To see if the town will take some action regarding snow removal in private drive-ways.

17. To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to have the south side of the roof on the old town hall

shingled and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Given under our hands and seal, this 17th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty.

Preston E. Goodrich
George E. Gillingham
Philip G. Hazelton
Selectmen of Chester, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

Preston E. Goodrich
George E. Gillingham
Philip G. Hazelton
Selectmen of Chester, N. H.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Tax payers of the Town of Chester;

We believe our people, whom we serve as Selectmen, like to know what has been accomplished during the past year, also what may be necessary to do in the year ensuing.

We think you who have occasion to attend meetings in Stevens Memorial Hall will agree that the insulating of the ceiling in the Hall was well worth while. It may be that certain evenings when the temperature is very cold some may feel too cool but a marked improvement is the concession of opinion. We believe also there will be some saving in the fuel consumption. We were able to purchase the chairs for the dining room at a price that would be difficult to duplicate considering their quality. It has been suggested that we would do well to have the windows in the kitchen and dining room screened as flies and other insects have caused some inconvenience during the summer season. The floor in the hall leading to the dining room is badly worn and should be re-finished and may be protected by a rubber covering thus preserving it against replacement in the near future.

We have had some trouble in keeping the roof of the Old Town Hall tight. The hurricane damaged the hexigon shingles to such an extent that the south side of the roof should be re-shingled.

We believe you are interested in the accomplishments of our Volunteer Fire Department. Much has been done this past year outside of attending fires which you will find described in the report of the Fire Chief, Victor Spollett. He is being very ably supported by the members of the department and their interest and support is worthy of our sincere appreciations.

The matter of highways is a subject of interest to all and especially to those who live on the dirt roads. We wish every one had an improved road and if some of us lived on these roads we would feel much the same as those who live on those roads; but it costs money to build or improve roads and as the regular appropriation for Maintainance is inadequate a special appropriation would be required in order to serve some of our people as they request. Your Selectmen and Road Agent can not expend more money than is raised and appropriated, so when complaints come to us and there are no funds we are helpless to do for the people what they require.

Just a word about our dealing with the blown down lumber situation. In case where there was any material loss we attempted to make satisfactory adjustments in Valuation but there were instances where the amount of the loss could not be determined and in such cases it will be necessary to reach a satisfactory adjustment this year.

There are those who are interested to know why your Selectmen have not designated a location to be known as a Town dump and the answer is this. We find in looking up the property secured by tax collectors deeds, that while there are several plots of land, yet it is very difficult to name a location that is convenient to reach and at the same time not damage those owning property nearby or adjacent to such land. This is more of a task than was anticipated.

Your Selectmen are hoping that at the Town Meeting, we may all have in mind to keep our appropriations as small as possible consistent with the needs of our town, that we may maintain a tax rate no higher than has prevailed for the last two years.

Selectmen of Chester, N. H.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year February 1,

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1939	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1940
From State:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	1,596.04	1,200.00
Insurance Tax	1.88	2.00
Railroad Tax	27.76	25.00
Savings Bank Tax	430.90	400.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	125.00	125.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,004.25	900.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes	500.00	500.00
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:	1,500.00	

CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
February 1, 1940 to January 31, 1941 Compared with Actual 1939 to January 31, 1940.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1939	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1940
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	713.40	1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	306.19	
Election and Registration Expenses	39.50	100.00
Printing	100.00	100.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	1,491.40	600.00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	78.10	100.00
Fire Department	863.76	500.00
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust	127.40	150.00
Health:		
Health Department	37.50	50.00
Vital Statistics	11.75	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance	2,353.14	2,000.00
Street Lighting	1,429.09	1,319.16
General Expenses of Highway Department	182.95	200.00
Libraries:		
Libraries	225.00	200.00
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	491.62	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	143.25	

BUDGET (continued).

Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and Other Celebrations	100.00	100.00
Recreation:		
Parks and Playgrounds, including band concerts	39.00	100.00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	596.93	100.00
Interest:		
On Temporary Loans	7.50	
On Long Term Notes	64.15	200.00
On Principal of Trust Funds Used by Town	126.34	
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvement:		
Highways and Bridges:		
State Aid Construction—Town's Share	518.90	520.21
Purchase of Tractor	1,570.51	
Indebtedness:		
Payment on Principal of Debt:		
Long Term Notes	1,000.00	500.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
County Taxes	3,827.00	
Payments to School Districts	7,819.26	

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

For year ending January 31, 1940

VALUATION April 1st, 1939

Improved and Unimproved Lands and Buildings:	
Resident real estate	$422,255.00
Non-resident real estate	178,640.00
	$600,895.00
Electric plants	16,101.00
Horses, 48	4,475.00
Asses and Mules, 3	150.00
Cows, 240	14,590.00
Other neat stock, 37	1,690.00
Sheep, 38	190.00
Hogs, 3	30.00
Fowls, 7020	6,970.00
Fur-Bearing animals, 6	150.00
Wood and Lumber	700.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 13	1,340.00
Stock in Trade	10,700.00
Mills and Machinery	2,100.00
Polls, 360	
Total Valuation	660,081.00
Less Soldiers' exemption	13,750.00
	$646,331.00

APPROPRIATIONS

Voted to raise and appropriate:	
Town officers' salaries	800.00
Town officers' expenses	200.00
Election and registration	100.00
Town halls $500. plus $400. for insulating	900.00
Police department	100.00

Fire department	900.00
Elm Tree beatles	100.00
Health department	50.00
Class 5 roads	518.91
Town road Maintenance and snow	2,000.00
Extra appropriations, cut bushes, improve ditches	500.00
Street Lighting	1,319.16
General expense highway department	250.00
Libraries	225.00
Old age assistance, Town poor	1,200.00
Memorial Day	100.00
Parks and playgrounds	100.00
Cemeteries	200.00
Interest	170.00
Payment on principal of debt	1,000.00
County Tax	3,827.00
School Tax	7,028.66
	$21,588.73
Net amount to be raised	$18,887.23
Poll Taxes (360) Bank stock Tax	735.00
Total Amount raised by taxation	$18,152.23
Total rate on one hundred dollars	$2.75

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE TOWN

For the year ending Jan. 31, 1940

Assets

Amount due from Tax Collector:	
1937 unredeemed Taxes	$ 325.21
1938 unredeemed Taxes	790.30
1939 Tax Levy	4,378.70
Cash in hand of Town Treasurer	1,472.40
	$6,966.61

Liabilities

Cemetery and Library Notes

Albert Knippee	$100.00
Sarah U. Lane	200.00
John West	50.00
Joseph Knowles	100.00
Robert and Rebecca Knowles	100.00
John W. West, 2nd.	50.00
Elizabeth L. Kent	100.00
Page Reed Smith	80.00
Sally Lovering Sleeper	40.00
Joseph Dane	50.00
Mary E. Bean	50.00
John S. Emery	100.00
George Wells	100.00
Amos Green	100.00
Charles H. Green	100.00
Silas F. Learnard	100.00
Samuel Warren	50.00
Mark Sanborn	50.00
Moses Pingree	100.00
Herbert W. Robie	50.00
Daniel Bell	100.00
George W. Stevens, Library	339.80
	$2,109.80

William White	75.00
Edmund Sleeper	45.00
Hannah Williams	50.00
Sarah A. True	75.00
Henry Moore	60.00
Samuel Parker	40.00
Lot Knowles	50.00
Charles H. Knowles	50.00
Charles Stevens	60.00
Oren F. Page	40.00
Hills Stevens	50.00
David Lane	70.00
Caroline M. Hall	50.00
Parker Morse	50.00
George Marden	50.00
James W. Gordon	50.00
James H. Hardy	50.00
George S. West	50.00
George H. Jack	60.00
Amos Hazelton	75.00
Ephraim Orcutt	50.00
Augustus Morse	50.00
Charles F. True	50.00
French Heath Fund	50.00
Mary Merrill	25.00
Hannah M. Sawyer	50.00
James DeLeskey	75.00
W. F. Warren Fund	50.00
	$1,500.00

Liabilities

Notes due Trustees of Trust Funds	$3,609.80
Note in First National Bank, Derry, N. H.	
Due 1940	500.00
Due 1941	500.00
Due 1942	500.00
Due School District including Dog Tax	2,028.66
	$7,138.46
Liabilities in excess of Assets	$ 171.85

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

January 31, 1938 to January 31, 1939

Dog Tax Receipts and Payments

Three Kennel Licenses Issued @ 12.00		$36.00
Twenty-six male dog licenses @ 2.00		52.00
Six spayed female dogs licensed @ 2.00		12.00
Three female dogs licensed @ 5.00		15.00
Total Receipts		$115.00
Paid Wheeler & Clark Dog tags	$6.55	
Town Clerk's Fees 38 licenses @ .20	7.60	
Expenditure		$14.15
Paid Town Treasurer		$100.85

R. C. Hazelton
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

of the Town of Chester, N. H., for the Year

ending January 31, 1940

Receipts

Cash balance from last year	$1,891.01
N. W. Goldsmith:	
Mary Whitney - Tax redeemed	65.32
Ethel Whitney - Tax redeemed	65.32
Isabel Rand - Tax redeemed	163.22
Mrs. Benning Sanborn - Tax redeemed	13.34
Tax Collector:	
Property Tax 1939	14,068.83
Property Tax 1938	4,186.04
Interest on 1937 Tax	34.46
Interest on 1938 Tax	188.40
Interest on 1939 Tax	4.91
Poll Tax 1938	99.00
Poll Tax 1939	500.00
Ethel and Mary Whitney, Tax redeemed	101.69
Isabel Rand, Tax redeemed	40.59
Mrs. W. L. Templar, 1937 Tax redeemed	19.01
Walter W. Lane, 1937 Tax redeemed	97.22
Henry Sanborn, 1938 Tax redeemed	8.99
John D. Fiske, 1937 Tax redeemed	89.87
James D. Bell Heirs, 1938 Tax redeemed	25.00
W. L. Templar, 1938 Tax redeemed	20.00
C. H. Edwards Heirs, 1938 Tax redeemed	57.75
W. P. Tenney, 1938 Tax redeemed	78.38
Mrs. Benning Sanborn Heirs, 1937-1938 Tax redeemed	16.88
G. D. Rand Heirs, 1938 Tax redeemed	11.03
Tax on Bank Stock, First National Bank, Derry, N. H.	14.55
Town Clerk:	
Adjustment on 1938 Auto permits	.37

Auto Permits 1938	2.93
Auto Permits 1939	1,004.25
Dog Tax	100.85
First National Bank, Derry, N. H.:	
3 notes $500. each dated April 1, 1939	1,500.00
1 note dated June 1, 1939	1,500.00
State Treasurer:	
Insurance Tax	1.88
Railroad Tax	27.76
Savings Bank Tax	430.90
Interest and dividend Tax	1,596.04
Edward E. Griffin; rent of halls	125.50
Leon L. Richardson; L. B. Richardson Estate	446.80
E. R. Stockbridge; Treasurer of Rockingham County	164.99
Frank Bragdon; Old Iron	10.00
Great Hill Cemetery Fund; Bills paid by Town	227.50
Trustees of Trust Funds; Bill paid by Town	162.57
	$29,163.15

Expenditures

Paid Selectmen's Orders Nos. 262-534	$27,690.75
Cash in Treasury	1,472.40
	$29,163.15

Leroy D. Morse
Treasurer

Chester, N. H., Feb. 3, 1940

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer and find them correctly cast with vouchers for the several charges.

George E. Rand
Harry C. Edwards
John H. True
Auditors

PAYMENTS

Town Officers Salaries	$713.40
Town Officers expenses	306.19
Election and registration	39.50
Town Halls	1,491.40
Police department including tramps	78.10
Fire department and forest fire expense	863.76
Elm Beatles	127.40
Damage by dogs	6.00
Health department	37.50
Vital Statistics	11.75
Class 5 road	518.90
Tractor purchase price	1,570.51
Town Maintenance	2,353.14
Street Lighting	1,429.09
General expense of Highway	182.95
Libraries	225.00
Town Poor	491.62
Old Age Assistance	143.25
Memorial Day	100.00
Parks and Playgrounds	39.00
Cemeteries	
Printing	100.00
Special aid case No. 2	461.40
Refund	17.57
Interest	197.99
Auto Permits	81.25

Discounts	253.33
Abatements	23.25
Taxes bought by Town	934.16
Wrong Tax	23.84
Temporary Loan	1,500.00
Term note	1,000.00
County Tax	3,827.00
School Money	7,819.26
County Poor Paid by County	126.23

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail No. 1

TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES

Preston E. Goodrich, Selectman	$165.00
George E. Gillingham, Selectman	125.00
Jhilip G. Hazelton, Selectman	125.00
Leroy D. Morse, Treasurer	50.00
Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector	185.40
Robert C. Hazelton, Town Clerk	50.00
George E. Rand, Auditor	3.00
Harry C. Edwards, Auditor	3.00
John H. True, Auditor	3.00
Mildred F. Hunt, Trust Funds Treasurer	10.00
	$719.40

Detail No. 2

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Preston E. Goodrich, Selectman	35.00
George E. Gillingham, Selectman	20.00
Philip G. Hazelton, Selectman	25.00
Leroy D. Morse, Town Treasurer	25.00
	$105.00

Detail No. 2 B

SUPPLIES, POSTAGE, ETC.

R. H. Llewellyn, Office supplies	7.75
Mrs. Tenney, Town officers' dinners	10.00
Wheeler and Clark, supplies for Tax collector	6.62
N. H. Assessors' Association, dues	2.00
Wheeler and Clark, rubber stamp	1.03
John W. A. Green, copying property transfers	14.00
Edson C. Eastman, office supplies	5.75
Frank B. Nay, statistics	.60
First National Bank, deposit box rent	2.20
Adding Machine Ribbon	.75
Edson C. Eastman, book and bill heads	3.35
Preston E. Goodrich, letter paper and printing same	2.50
Tax collectors Postage and expense	21.00
Curtis Insurance Agency, Officers' Bonds	55.00
Expense of perambulating town lines	5.50
Grinnell and Grinnell, Legal advise	4.00
Postage	23.39
Telephone service	20.70
	$186.14

Detail No. 3

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Walter P. Tenney, Moderator	5.00
William N. Colby, Supervisor of checklist	6.50
Herbert H. True, Supervisor of checklist	5.50
Clarence A. Wetherbee, Supervisor of checklist	6.50
Granite State Press, Sample ballots	7.00
George Pettigrew	6.00
Byron Mills, Ballot clerk	3.00
Bernard Sanborn, Ballot clerk	3.00
	$42.50

Detain No. 4

POLICE DEPARTMENT INCLUDING TRAMPS

Edward E. Griffin, Police service	$43.35
John A. West, Police service	5.00
George Pettigrew, Police service	3.00
Caring for Tramps	9.75
	$61.10

Detail No. 5

STEVENS MEMORIAL HALL AND OLD TOWN HALL

Newton West, wood	7.50
Bernard Sanborn, trucking	4.00
Henry S. Walkins Co., chairs	297.00
Edward E. Griffin, ex. service	5.25
Charles W. Varney, insurance	150.00
Grange Mutual Insurance Co.	50.00
Curtis Insurance Agency	62.40
Philip G. Hazelton, Insurance	100.00
John R. Gilbert, repair and clean furnace	10.11
Preston E. Goodrich, weather strip	.70
Edward E. Griffin, janitor service	200.00
George E. Gillingham, wood	99.00
John Fiske, sawing wood	6.00
Arthur E. Leighton, sawing wood	15.00
J. J. Morreau, sweeping compond	3.50
Derry Electric Co., light service	72.94
Eagle Rock Wool Co., Insulating	400.00
Roland A. Nichols, repairing Old Hall roof	8.00
	$1,491.40

Detail No. 6

FIRE DEPARTMENT INCLUDING FOREST FIRE ACCOUNT

John B. Varick Co.	$11.12
Derry Electric Co.	28.21
George E. Rand	13.30
Holmes and Wheeler, coal	78.00
Wilbur Hunt, gas and other mdse.	15.98
W. S. Darley & Co., portable pumper	311.61
Charles Smith, Gravel	4.00
H. J. Lawson, trough for hose	12.40
Victor Spollett, labor and parts overhauling pumper, gas, oil, tires, etc.	149.02
General City Service Co., hose and attachment	159.37
Philip Hazelton, insurance	10.00
George E. Gillingham, wood	1.25
Forestry Department (Concord) Knapsack Sprayer	21.00
Wilbur Hunt, Permits, Fire fighting, etc.	48.50
	$863.76

Detail No. 7

Old Age Assistant	$143.25
Town Poor	491.62
	$634.37

Detail No. 8

Health Department and Vital Statistics	
Preston E. Goodrich, Health officer	$35.00
J. H. Low, Formaldehyde Candles	2.50
Dr. James S. Roberts, vital statistics	2.75
Robert C. Hazelton, vital statistics	9.00
	$49.25

Detail No. 9

Miscellaneous Accounts

Printing Town Reports	$100.00
Refunds	17.57
Discounts	253.33
Abatements	23.25
Taxes bought by the Town	934.16
Wrong Tax	23.84
	$1,352.15

TOWN ROADS

Auburn Gravel, gravel	6.00
Muriel Church, gravel	16.60
Felix Clements, gasoline	45.76
Dewey Davis, labor	54.38
Merton Edwards, labor	5.25
Frank Edwards, labor	9.00
George Eagan, labor	102.76
Albert Estes, labor	2.25
Harry Estes, scraping, labor	277.12
Herman Fortier, truck, labor	50.62
Donald Gates, labor	5.25
George E. Gillingham, plank	2.84
F. F. Grant, labor	41.25
Ralph Gilcreast, labor	6.00
Gulf Oil Corp., oil	43.58
Chester Hunt, gravel	.40
Wilbur Hunt, gas, oil, spark plugs, labor	25.25
Bert Healey, truck, labor	88.85
Will Healey, labor	12.00
Arthur Holman, labor	81.05
Walter Lane, labor	8.50
John Lovering, labor	2.63
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, 1 bag cement	.75
Clarence McCully, labor	5.62

Henry Mills, truck	42.75
Roy Purinton, labor	22.13
John Preston, fixing irons	2.00
Oswalt Rauert, labor	70.13
Herbert Ray, truck	27.00
Bernard Sanborn, truck	11.25
Charles Smith, foreman	266.07
John B. Varick Co., bolts	2.50
George Webster, spikes	.25
John Willey, labor	8.75
W. F. Neal Co., bolts	.36
Wilson Wells, gasoline	67.23
	$1,414.13

BUSHES

Felix Clements, gasoline	$12.97
Dewey Davis, labor	61.63
Harry Estes, tractor and labor	31.75
George Eagan, labor	58.63
Herman Fortier, tractor, team, labor	64.47
F. F. Grant, labor	25.88
Donald Gates, labor	15.00
Gulf Oil Corp., oil	3.85
Will Healey, labor	5.62
Arthur Holman, labor	40.88
Wilbur Hunt, gasoline	2.99
John Lovering, labor	27.75
Roy Purington, labor	51.38
Oswalt Rauert, labor	21.00
Charles, Smith, foreman	75.50
Wilson Wells, gasoline	9.38
Henry Young, labor	7.88
	$516.56

SNOW

Chester Allen, labor	.75
Felix Clements, gasoline	28.77
C. D. Doherty, sharpening tools	1.50
Dewey Davis, tractor, labor	21.13
Harry Estes, labor	27.63
George Eagan, labor	3.75
Ernest Edwards, labor	3.75
Herman Fortier, tractor, labor	32.63
George E. Gillingham, planks	1.75
R. C. Hazelton, grease, zerone, headlight	12.90
Bert Healey, truck, labor	18.09
Wilbur Hunt, garage work, tractor, gasoline	64.82
Walter Lane, labor	3.10
Walton Leighton, labor	4.13
Clarence McCully, labor	1.13
Roland Nichols, tractor, snow plow	59.10
Harry Preston, iron work	4.25
Herbert Ray, truck, sanding	5.63
Oswalt Rauert, labor	8.26
Charles Smith, foreman	73.00
Charles Smith, truck, sanding, wood, plank, 1 elbow, 6 bolts	10.35
John B. Varick Co., wind shield	.62
Wilson Wells, gasoline, fuses	16.20
John Willey, labor	5.26
Lawrence Ware, labor	12.19
W. F. Aubuchon Co., bolts	1.31
	$422.00

TO THE FIRE WARDENS OF CHESTER

This past year the Chester Volunteer Fire Department attended the following fires:

Chimney fires	23
Building fires	
In town	4
Sandown	2
Derry	1
Automobile fires	2
Forest fires	1
Total Calls	33

Damage from fires

One set of buildings and one barn total loss due to lack of water. One automobile partially lost. Losses were partially covered by insurance.

New Equipment

The following was added during the past year from funds voted at the last town meeting:

One 150 gallon per minute portable pump with 20 ft. of suction hose and fittings, as per special vote of last Town Meeting.

200 ft. 2½" double jacket fire hose
2 flood lights for Hose Truck
2 canvas covers for Hose Truck
Also miscellaneous fittings, tools and grenades
2 new tires were mounted on Pumper
2 new truck batteries.

From funds earned by the company and donations were purchased the following:

1 Foamite extinguisher
1 battery booster
1 Hydrometer
2 hose straps
2 hose spanners

This past year the pumper was taken down and given a complete overhauling. All worn parts were replaced.

The Department keeps on hand at all times a supply of extinguisher recharges for all types of fire extinguishers. Residents of the town may have their extinguishers recharged, free of charge, by applying to any fireman. Extinguishers should be checked at least once a year.

The old Gas House in back of Stevens Hall is not now used by the town. The Fire Department could use this building to advantage as a store house for equipment and supplies. If the town will vote permission to the company to move the building to the Fire House lot, the company will move it without expense to the town.

Victor B. Spollett,
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY

Receipts

Balance from 1938	$ 33.13
Received from town	225.00
John C. Chase fund	13.75
Stevens Fund	11.89
	$283.77

Expenditures
1939-1940

Laura C. Coleman	$100.80
Goodman Book Store	83.79
R. R. Partridge (books)	18.00

Mildred Robie (Magazines)	23.15
Curtis Insurance Agency	25.00
Jr. Literary Guild	4.50
Goodman's Book Store	.60
Postage	.12
	$255.96
Cash on Hand	27.81
	$283.77

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Chester Free Library

Books added to the Library in 1939	174
Purchased with town money	141
Purchased with fines	3
Given	30
Books discarded	24
Number of books taken out during the year	5,201
Largest number of books taken out in one day, March 11	116
Smallest number, April 26	5
Average of each Library day	50
Percent of Fiction read	76
Per cent of non fiction read	24
Number of new cards issued	15

Dr.

Money received in fines	$10.23
Balance on hand from 1938	12.67
	$22.90

Cr.

Expended for books and needed supplies	$ 7.49
Cash on hand to balance	15.41
	$22.90

Books have been presented to the Library as gifts by Mrs. Karl Anderson, The Fortnightly Club, Mrs. Amos Tuck French, Mrs. Edwin P. Jones, Mrs. Aubrey Monish and Miss Gertrude Zimmer.

The Library is indebted for gifts of magazines to Mr. Walter Crawford, Mrs. Amos Tuck French, Mrs. Maurice Holmes, Mrs. Edwin J. Jones, Mrs. Aubrey Monish, Mrs. Dorothy Peterson, and the State Planning and Development Commission.

In addition to books and magazines The Library has received some copies of The Christian Science Monitor from friends in Derry, one year's subscription to the Derry News from Mrs. Mildred S. Robie and several Jig saw puzzles from Mrs. Amos Tuck French.

The Library subscribes to the American Magazine, Country Gentleman, The Etude, Field and Stream, Good Housekeeping, 4-H Horigans, Ladies' Home Journal, Life and Health, McCall's, The National Geographic, Nature, Readers Digest, Wee Wisdom, and the Woman's Home Companion.

The number Catalogued books is 5,634.

To all who have presented gifts or rendered helpful service to the Library, I wish to express my appreciation and make grateful acknowledgment.

Laura C. Colman,
Librarian.

WILCOMB - TOWNSEND HOME

We thank all who have in any way contributed to the comfort and pleasure of those in the Home and financial aid by gifts of fruit and vegetables.

We greatly appreciate the generosity of Mr. George Webster in supplying a number of cases of canned goods at wholesale prices.

The Trustees are pleased for the kindness shown by visiting and for flowers and fruit sent to Miss Dearborn

in her illness. We also thank Mrs. Sarah Prescott for her annual gift of the interest on her entrance fee, also for peaches for the use of the Home; also to Miss Mary Noyes, Mrs. Roland Nichols, Mr. George Webster, Mr. Martin Mills for fruit and vegetables, and to Miss Mary Noyes for subscription to Harper's Magazine, Mrs. Whittier of Fremont for Zions Herald, Mr. Martin Mills for the National Geographical Magazine and to the Capital Club for plant. If perchance there are any that we have failed to mention it is unintentional.

Very sorry that Mrs. Bertha McCully has deemed it best to resign as a Trustee, we hope and wish for her better health very soon. She was much interested in the welfare of the Home and a valuable member of the board.

We would be glad and anxious to answer any questions about the Home, or the expenses of running the same in Town meeting or at any time.

The Trustees of the Wilcomb-Townsend Home

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WILCOMB-TOWNSEND HOME

For the year 1940

Balance on hand January 31, 1939	$543.47
Received for board	74.00
Received on Mortgage	325.00
Received on lease of farm land	10.00
Received dividend on Anaconda stock	1.25
Drew from Amoskeag Savings Bank	600.00
Drew from Manchester Savings Bank	600.00
Received from Down Timber	302.12
Received rebate on fire insurance	7.00
Received rent of Townsend House	100.00
	$2,562.84

Expenditures	2,338.38
Balance on hand	224.46
Uncanceled Check	165.89
	390.35
Bank Balance	390.35

EXPENDITURES

Groceries and meats	$546.96
Milk and eggs	79.01
Medical expenses	62.02
Fuel	271.82
Repairs and Improvements	380.46
Current expenses	136.59
Interest to Inmates	77.14
Salaries and extra help	551.10
Operating down timber	226.28
Miscellaneous	7.00
	$2,338.38

Chester, N. H., Feb. 3, 1940

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Wilcomb-Townsend Home and find them correctly cast with vouchers for the several charges.

George E. Rand
Harry C. Edwards
John A. True
Auditors

ACCOUNT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Amos T. French Cemetery Land

Amount deposited in Manchester Savings Bank	$710.97
Amount balance cash from last year	10.18
August 17, interest received	21.00
	$742.15

Harry C. Edwards
Robert H. Hazelton
Trustees

Aug. 8—Paid Robert H. Hazelton, rolling & grading	3.50
Aug. 8—Paid Earl M. Hazelton, mowing etc.	11.44
Sept. 25—Paid Robert H. Hazelton, trimming etc.	6.00
Oct. 20—Paid Earl M. Hazelton, mowing etc.	7.50
Cash Balance	2.74
Bank	710.97
	$742.15

John A. West
Treasurer of Cemetery Trustees

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Cemetery Trustees and find them correctly cast with vouchers for the several charges.

George E. Rand
John A. True
Auditors

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER ON JANUARY 31, 1940.

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS— PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year.	Income During Year.	Expended During Year.	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year.
	CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS							
May 3, 1904	John W. Noyes by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	3-2½	.14	8.32	7.88	.58
Feb. 16, 1915	Jonathan Pressey by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	45.00	3-2½	.01	1.24	1.13	.12
Mar. 15, 1906	William W. White by will	Town Note	75.00	3½		2.63	2.50	.13
Dec. 23, 1908	Luther W. Hall by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	.29	2.77	2.34	.72
Dec. 24, 1908	Edmund Sleeper by Heirs	Town Note	45.00	3½		1.58	1.50	.08
June 17, 1909	Hannah M. William by same	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	339.80	3-2½	.34	9.44	7.95	1.83
Aug. 23, 1910	Sarah A. True	Town Note	75.00	3½		2.62	2.50	.12
Aug. 23, 1910	Henry Moore by Emma M. Moore	Town Note	60.00	3½		2.10	2.00	.10
July 7, 1911	Samuel S. Parker by same	Town Note	40.00	3½		1.40	1.28	.12
Oct. 3, 1911	Charles A. Dearborn by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	.29	2.77	2.45	.61
Oct. 11, 1911	Rev. Charles Tenney by Mary E. Tenney	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	.29	2.77	2.81	.25
June 3, 1912	Lot Knowles by Heirs	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
Oct. 31, 1914	Cynthia J. Brown by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	3½		1.38	1.22	.16
Aug. 30, 1916	John Hazelton by Susan Hazelton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	1.47	2.82	2.38	1.91
Nov. 25, 1916	Charles H. Knowles by same	Town Note	50.00	3		1.75	1.60	.15

Feb. 16, 1916	Charles Stevens by will	Town Note	60.00	3		2.10	2.00	.10
Aug. 25, 1917	Oren F. Page by Mary A. Byard	Town Note	40.00	3		1.40	1.30	.10
Sept. 29, 1917	Hills Stevens, by Lydia A. Newell	Town Note	50.00	3		1.75	1.60	.15
Nov. 1, 1917	David Lane by Sarah E. Lane	Town Note	70.00	3		2.45	2.30	.15
June 30, 1918	Caroline M. Hall by will	Town Note	50.00	3		1.75	1.60	.15
June 30, 1918	George L. Converse by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	3-2½		1.38	.85	.53
Mar. 26, 1919	Parker Morse by Clarence O. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
Mar. 26, 1919	George Marden by Clarence O. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
Oct. 1, 1924	James W. Gordon by will	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
Oct. 28, 1924	James H. Hardy by Abbie Hardy	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
Mar. 20, 1925	Lydia J. Ramsey by same by Kate V. Colby	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	.29	2.77	2.31	.75
Sept. 25, 1925	George S. West by Gertrude J. West	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
Jan. 23, 1926	Mills & Wilson by Frank M. Mills per Martin Mills	Amoskeag Savings Bank	250.00	3-2½	14.60	7.33	6.22	15.71
Oct. 5, 1926	Helen F. Soule by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	.02	2.77	2.38	.41
April 6, 1928	George Herman Jack by Jessie Stevens Jack	Town Note	60.00	3½		2.10	2.10	
June 5, 1928	Amos Hazelton by Elizabeth S. Hook	Town Note	75.00	3½		2.62	2.50	.12
June 5, 1928	James & J. Albert Hook by Elizabeth S. Hook	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	1.82	2.81	1.97	2.66
June 5, 1925	Ephraim Orcutt by Elizabeth S. Hook	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
Jan. 2, 1929	Augustus P. Morse by Augustus P. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
Dec. 31, 1929	Charles F. True by will per Sarah J. True	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15

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	CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS							
Jan. 5, 1931	French - Heath by Jennie C. Heath	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
Jan. 1, 1929	Mary E. Merrill by same	Town Note	25.00	3½		.87	.87	
May 30, 1930	Arthur L. Morse and Harry Roberts by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	.02	2.77	2.59	.20
April 27, 1931	George A. Hosley by Emma Hosley	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3-2½	.15	5.56	4.25	1.46
Mar. 12, 1929	John C. Chase by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3-2½	.15	5.56	3.56	2.15
May 1, 1920	Village Cemetery by Clarence O. Morse	U. S. Treasury Bond 1943-1945	1,000.00	3¼	1.89	32.93	33.53	1.29
May 25, 1918	Albert Knippee by same	Town Note	100.00	3½		3.50	3.00	.50
June 29, 1918	Sarah U. Lane by will	Town Note	200.00	3½	58.93	7.00	7.00	58.93
April 15, 1919	John West by Sarah F. Robinson	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
April 15, 1919	Joseph Knowles	Town Note	100.00	3½	.25	3.50	3.00	.75
April 15, 1919	Robert & Rebecca Knowles	Town Note	100.00	3½	7.94	3.50	3.00	8.44
Jan. 31, 1920	John W. West 2nd by will	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
Jan. 31, 1920	Elizabeth I. Kent by will	Town Note	100.00	3½	.11	3.50	3.00	.61
April 30, 1921	Page Reed Smith by Josephine Lovering	Town Note	80.00	3½		2.80	2.44	.36

April 30, 1921	Sally Lovering Sleeper	Town Note	40.00	3½		1.40	1.25	.15
June 28, 1921	Joseph Dane by Nellie E. Dane	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
Nov. 26, 1921	Mary E. Bean by will	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.75	
May 27, 1922	John E. Emery by Richard S. Emery	Town Note	100.00	3½	.04	3.50	3.00	.54
Sept. 30, 1922	George Wells by Carrie L. Warren	Town Note	100.00	3½		3.50	3.00	.50
Oct. 3, 1922	Amos Green by Charles H. Green	Town Note	100.00	3½	.06	3.50	3.00	.56
Oct. 3 1922	Charles H. Green by Charles H. Green	Town Note	100.00	3½	4.18	3.50	3.00	4.68
Mar. 31, 1923	Silas F. Learnard by Martha Learnard	Town Note	100.00	3½		3.50	3.50	
May 3, 1923	Samuel S. Warren by Orpha A. Warren	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
Nov. 20, 1923	Mark Sanborn by Heirs	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
Nov. 30, 1923	Moses Pingree by will	Town Note	100.00	3½		3.50	3.00	.50
Dec. 22, 1923	Herbert W. Robie	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
Jan. 31, 1924	Daniel Bell by will	Town Note	100.00	3½		3.50	3.30	.20
July 1, 1931	Hannah M. Sawyer by will	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	15
Oct. 13, 1931	James DeLeskey by Rilla Day	Town Note	75.00	3½		2.63	2.35	.28
Jan. 28, 1932	George F. West by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	185.00	3-2½	6.22	5.31	4.31	7.22
May 7, 1932	The Mills Family by Heirs of Annie Mills	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3-2½	.15	5.56	5.63	.08
Aug. 3, 1932	C. F. Marston by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	.02	2.77	1.78	1.01
May 2, 1933	Buzzell A. Follansbee by Herman Follansbee	Manchester Savings Bank	60.00	3-2½		1.65	1.37	.28
Aug. 1, 1933	Carlos Noyes by will	Manchester Savings Bank	75.00	3-2½	.04	2.08	1.84	.28
Jan. 11, 1933	A. H. Wilcomb by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	224.00	3-2½	13.51	6.59	10.78	9.32
		Mortgage D. A. Hamilton	220.00	5				
		Note Harold Wason	350.00	6				

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	CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS							
Oct. 9, 1933	Josie Gerah by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½		2,26	1.40	.86
Jan. 19, 1934	John F. & Jennie E. Green, Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3-2½	2.61	4.22	4.64	2.19
July 9, 1934	Lucy Lawrence by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	.02	2.77	2.16	.63
July 8, 1935	Ellen A. Coates by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3-2½	.13	5.56	2.50	3.19
Nov. 5, 1935	Joseph Webster by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	.02	2.77	2.38	.41
May 26, 1936	W. F. Warren by Frank Warren	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.75	1.60	.15
Feb. 23, 1937	Valeria A. Towle by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	2.61	2.84	2.56	2.89
Mar. 20, 1937	Mabel J. Brickett by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	2.33	2.83	2.22	2.94
May 8, 15, 1937	Charles E. Cook by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	4.82	2.89		7.71
Aug. 14, 1937	Moses Webster, Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	1.05	2.80	2.44	1.41
Aug. 19, 1937	The Melvin Fund by John Tracy Melvin	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	1.05	2.80	2.84	1.01
Oct. 23, 1937	Fred B. and Alice E. Boyles by Abbott W. Boyles	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3-2½	.80	4.17	3.56	1.41
Jan 28, 1938	Thomas J. Melvin by Helen E. Melvin by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3-2½	.27	2.77	2.34	.70
Dec. 8, 1938	James Marden by daughter	Amoskeag Savings Bank	40.00	3-2½		1.10	.61	.49
Mar. 1, 1939	Chester Noyes Greenough by Ruth H. Greenough	Amoskeag Savings Bank Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00			2.26	1.66	.60

	CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS						
May 29, 1939	E. G. Buffum by Lilla J. Morton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00		1.25	.56	.69
Aug. 11, 1939	Frances L. Hazelton Estate of F. L. by O. L. Hazelton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00		1.67		1.67
Nov. 25, 1939	Susie Smith	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00		.21		.21
	LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS						
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by will	Town Note	339.80	3½	11.89	11.89	
Jan. 2, 1931	John C. Chase by John C. Chase	Holliston Water Co., 1st Mtge. Bond	500.00	5½	13.75	13.75	
1915	The Wilcomb Home Fund by Mary J. Wilcomb	Amoskeag Savings Bank	2,965.43				
		Manchester Savings Bank	801.61				
		Merrimack Savings Bank	153.28				
		U. S. Registered Bond	1,000.00				
					Gain for year		$133.40
			$4,920.32				
1927	Lydia A. Newell Home Fund by Lydia A. Newell	Manchester Savings Bank	$3,657.32				
		Amoskeag Savings Bank	8,035.16				
		Merrimack Savings Bank	1,590.54				
					Gain for year		$314.97
			$13,283.02				

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Trustees of Trust Funds and find them correctly cast and balanced, George E. Rand, Harry C. Edwards, Auditors. Chester, N. H., Feb. 3, 1940.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHESTER

MODERATOR

John H. True

CLERK

John A. West

TREASURER

John H. True

SCHOOL BOARD

Leon I. Richardson, Chairman

Rose C. Learnard — Ella A. Allen

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Edward I. Erickson

Residence, Derry, N. H.

Telephone — Office 195

SCHOOL NURSE

Helen J. House

Residence, 22 Highland St., Hudson, N. H.

Telephone, Nashua 3139-W

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Edward E. Griffin

AUDITOR

Walter W. Lane

TEACHERS UNDER APPOINTMENT

Name	School	P. O. Address
Doris Plummer	Village Primary	Chester, N. H.
Marion Preston	Village Intermediate	Auburn, N. H.
Phillip Farnham	Village Grammar	Chester, N. H.
Diedamia Hook	Towle	Derry, N. H.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 1939 — June 1940

1939

First Period:

Opens Wednesday, Sept. 6, Closes Wednesday, Nov. 29

Second Period:

Opens Monday, Dec. 4, Closes Friday, Dec. 22

1940

Third Period:

Opens Tuesday, Jan. 2, Closes Friday, Feb. 16

Fourth Period:

Opens Monday, Feb. 26, Closes Friday, April 19

Fifth Period:

Opens Monday, April 29, Closes at end of 180 Teaching Days

September 1940 — June 1941

1940

First Period:

Opens Wednesday, Sept. 4, Closes Wednesday, Nov. 27

Second Period:

Opens Monday, Dec. 2, Closes Friday, Dec. 20

1941

Third Period:

Opens Monday, Dec. 30, 1940, Closes Friday, Feb. 14

Fourth Period:

Opens Monday, Feb. 24 Closes Friday, April 18

Fifth Period:

Opens Monday, April 28, Closes at end of 180 Teaching Days

SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Chester, N. H., qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stevens Hall in said district on the 16th day of March, 1940 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officer chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.

Given under our hands at said Chester this 12th day of February 1940.

Leon I. Richardson
Rose C. Leonard
Ella A. Allen
School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

Leon I. Richardson
Rose C. Leonard
Ella A. Allen
School Board

BUDGET

Payments	Voted for	Proposed for
Support of Schools		
	1939-40	1940-41
Teachers Salaries	$3,755.00	$3,678.00
Text Books	75.00	75.00
Scholars' Supplies	75.00	75.00
Flags	5.00	5.00
Other Expenses of Instruction	15.00	15.00
Janitor Salaries	126.00	126.00
Water, Light & Janitor Supplies	50.00	50.00
Fuel	150.00	150.00
Minor Repairs	150.00	150.00
Health Inspection	200.00	200.00
Transportation	1,200.00	1,200.00
Tuition—High School	2,400.0	2,500.00
Other Statutory Requirements		
Salaries of District Officers	166.00	166.00
Superintendent Excess Salary	160.00	160.00
Truant Officer & Census	15.00	15.00
Expense of Administration	35.00	35.00
Per Capita Tax	260.00	262.00
Total Estimated Expense	8,837.00	8,862.00
Income		
Cash on hand July 1	390.00	450.00
Dog licenses	150.00	150.00

Trust Funds	163.93	152.73
State Aid	1,104.41	997.68
Total Estimated Income	1,808.34	1,750.41
Total Estimated Payments	8,837.00	8,862.00
Total Estimated Income	1,808.34	1,750.41
Tax Levy	7,028.66	7,111.59

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1938 to June 30, 1939

INCOME

Cash on hand July 1, 1938	1,946.33	
State Aid	584.19	
Town (Tax Levy)	6,460.80	
Dog licenses	58.46	
Trust funds	163.93	
Other receipts	3.84	
Total Receipts		9,217.55

PAYMENTS

Teachers salaries	3,703.00
Text books	77.93
Scholars' supplies	97.27
Flags	3.25
Other expenses of instruction	11.75
Janitor service	130.25
Fuel	153.50
Water, light & janitor supplies	44.54
Minor repairs	237.51
Medical inspection	200.00
Transportation	1,247.00
Tuition—High School	2,166.16

Other Statutory Requirements		
Salaries of district officers	166.00	
Superintendent's excess salary	99.05	
Truant officers and census	14.25	
Expenses of administration	30.31	
Per capita tax	290.00	
Insurance	97.50	
Total Payments		8,769.27
Cash on hand June 30, 1939		448.28

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Chester, N. H., of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Walter W. Lane

July 10, 1939

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1939

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand July 1, 1938	$1,946.33
Received from Selectmen	
Appropriations for current year	6,460.80
Dog Tax	58.46
Income from Trust Funds	163.93
Received from State Treasurer (State Aid)	584.19
Received from all other sources	3.84
	9,217.55

EXPENDITURES

Paid School Board orders Nos. 2334-2538	$8,769.27
Cash on Treasury to balance	448.28
	9,217.55

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

Chester, N. H., July 10, 1939

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Chester, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939 and find them correct in all respects.

Walter W. Lane
Auditor

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
For part of School Year from July 1, 1939
to January 31, 1940

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand July 1, 1940	$ 448.28
Brown Fund	152.73
State Treasurer (State Aid)	1,104.41
Selectmen	5,000.00
	6,705.42

EXPENDITURES

Paid School Boards orders Nos. 2539-2639	$4,473.83
Cash on Treasury to balance	2,231.59
	6,705.42

Fund From Sale of Schoolhouses

Deposited in Manchester Savings Bank
Book No. 163, 188 with interest to
Jan. 1, 1940 $1,072.25

John H. True
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

February 14, 1940

To the Superintendent, School Board and citizens of Chester, I submit my report as School Nurse from February 1939 — February 1940

Number of children examined		100
Number of school visits		45
Number of home visits		79
		Corrected
Number of children having defective tonsils	5	2
Number of children having defective teeth	49	43
Number of children having defective vision	5	4

Our annual dental clinic held in the Spring proved most successful, this being largely due to the financial assistance and fine cooperation of the local P. T. A. organization. Cod Liver Oil was again given to all school pupils where the parents desired it; this, too, was financed by the Capital Club and local P. T. A.

It is through the fine cooperation of interested organizations, parents and teachers that a successful health program can be carried on in the school, and it is most appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen J. House, R. N.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Chester School Board:

I herewith submit my second annual report as superintendent of schools of Chester.

ENROLLMENT

The total enrollment for grades one through eight for the period ending January 31, 1940 was 105, as compared to 98 for the same date last year.

Age, Grade and Enrollment, January 31, 1940

The enrollment by grade and age for January 31, 1940 may be seen from the following table:

	Grades								Total
Ages	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
6-7	10								10
7-8	2	10	1						13
8-9		6	4						10
9-10		1	6	3					10
10-11			4	5	3				12
11-12			1	1	10	4			16
12-13					5	3	3		11
13-14					1	1	2	4	8
14-15						2	1	4	7
15-16						1	2	3	6
Totals	12	17	16	9	19	11	8	11	103

Enrollment by School and Grade January 31, 1940

The membership by school and grade for January 31, 1940 follows:

School	Grades								Totals
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Village	12	14	11	8	16	7	8	8	84
Towle	0	3	5	1	3	4	0	3	19
Totals	12	17	16	9	19	11	8	11	103

The number of Chester pupils who were in high school on January 31, 1940 is shown as follows:

	Grade				Total
	9	10	11	12	
Pinkerton Academy	1	4	5	2	12
Raymond High School	3	4	1	1	9
Hampstead High School	1	2			3
Total	5	10	6	3	24

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1939

Total registration	100
Half days schools were in session	356
Average membership	89.50
Average attendance	83.25
Per cent of attendance	93.01
(State Average 94.74)	
Pupils not absent nor tardy	4
Cases of tardiness	88
Non-resident pupils	0
Pupils transported at district expense	20
Number of pupils promoted	85
Number of pupils not promoted	4
Per cent not promoted	4
(State Average 6%)	
Number of pupils double promoted	0

ATTENDANCE HONOR ROLL

The pupils who were neither absent nor tardy for the school year September 1938 to June 1939 were:

School	Grade	Name
Village	2	Davis, Arlene
Village	2	Hastings, Francis
Village	3	Lessard, Paul
Village	4	Sanborn, Mary E.

SCHOOL CENSUS RETURNS SEPTEMBER 30, 1939

Number of resident children 5 to 16 in local schools	93	
Number 5 to 16 in Pinkerton Academy	8	
Number 5 to 16 in high schools outside district	7	
Number 5 to 16 in elementary schools outside district	1	
Total number 5 to 16 in some school		109
Number 5 to 8 not in school	7	
Number 8 to 14 not in school	0	
Number 14 to 16 not in school	0	
Total number of children 5 to 16 not in some school		7
Total number of resident children September 30, 1939		116
Total number of resident children September 30, 1938		122

The teaching staff of the Chester schools shows three changes from the previous year. Miss Doris Plummer of Lochmere, a graduate of Plymouth Teachers' College and after a year of experience at Gilmanton, replaces Miss Ethel Lange who resigned to accept a position in the Laconia Schools. Philip Farnham of Needham, a graduate of Bridgewater Teachers' College, replaces Miss Dorothy Harlow who accepted a position in Portsmouth. Miss Clara Marquis of Lawrence, a graduate of the Lowell Teachers' College, replaces Mrs. Cornelia Hinkle who is now affiliated with the Putney School of Putney, Vermont. Miss Marquis has had two years experience in the schools of Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Marion Preston attended Keene Teachers' College during the past summer.

The outstanding job as far as repairs to the school houses during the summer was in the Grammar Building. A new front wall was constructed and the remaining walls were patched. The ceiling, walls, and woodwork were painted and work was done on the desks to have them in better condition. The boys' toilet had been repaired and painted during the spring before schools closed.

The usual cleaning and repairing were done at the Primary and Towle Schools.

Various books and other materials have been purchased during the present year. A set of health-science books has been installed in the Grammar School besides the usual workbooks to accompany the social science texts in use. Additional readers, language texts and workbooks have been furnished the intermediate grades in both the Village and Towle Schools. Arithmetics for grades 3 and 4 were purchased for the Towle School as well as a case of maps for use in the teaching of geography. Continuing our policy began last year emphasis has been placed on the installation of a modern basal system of reading in all primary grades.

The text book needs of the Chester schools for the future will include further materials for primary reading, additional readers for the intermediated grades, arithmetics in grade six, and history and language in the upper grades.

A comparison of certain costs is interesting at this time. The total per pupil cost for the Chester elementary schools for 1938-1939 was $73.37 as compared with a state median of $81.07.

The per pupil cost for books and scholars' supplies for the Chester elementary schools in 1938-1939 was approximately 77c each as compared with the state average per pupil cost of $1.22 for books and $1.43

for scholars' supplies during the same period.

Reports from the various high schools which are attended by Chester pupils show that boys and girls who graduated from our schools are doing satisfactory work.

We will continue to work for the social and educational betterment of the boys and girls who come to our schools.

In closing may I commend the school board, parents, teachers, pupils, and citizens for their fine spirit of cooperation shown during the past year. Through such splendid helpfulness we cannot fail to realize the best educational opportunities for the Chester youth.

Respectfully submitted

Edward I. Erickson

Superintendent of Schools

February 12, 1940

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Registered in the

TOWN OF CHESTER

For the Year Ending

DECEMBER 31, 1939

Births Registered in the Town of Chester for the Year Ending December 31, 1939

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	No.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1939						
Jan. 21	Chester	Colleen E. Towle	F	6	Chester P. Towle	Esther C. Dunn
Mar. 22	Chester	Lata M. Abbott	F	1	Chester E. Abbott	Beryl E. Sherbet
Mar. 30	Brentwood	Bethel L. McFarland	F	13	Fred P. McFarland	Marian I. Porter
June 19	Brentwood	Carl B. Hanson, Jr.	M	1	Carl B. Hanson	Irma A. Williams
June 24	Chester	Wesley G. Clark	M	1	Gerald F. Clark	Arlene H. Sherbut
July 6	Manchester	Rodney K. Edwards	M	1	Frank K. Edwards	Cecile M. Lariviere
July 28	Derry	Robert A. Cole	M	1	Daniel B. Cole	Elizabeth E. Corriveau
Aug. 9	Manchester	Carleton E. Hart	M	1	William J. Hart	Edna M. Edwards
Aug. 20	Manchester	Gary W. Stookey	M	2	Glenn G. Stookey	Mabel L. Crawford
Sept. 15	Derry	Frederick L. Nicholl, J	M	1	Frederick L. Nicholl	Nancy Moore
Sept. 16	Chester	Harris A. Tucker, Jr.	M	6	Harris A. Tucker	Dora M. Berry

Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester for the Year Ending December 31, 1939

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age of each	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married
1939 Jan. 6	Hampstead	Arthur Elmer Sanborn	Chester	30	w	Chauffeur	Chester	Elmer Sanborn Mary A. Morse	1	Samuel B. Enman Minister
		Marion Louise Bassett	Fremont	29	w	Teacher	Fremont	Joseph Bassett Eva M. Kimball	1	Hampstead
Feb. 28	Chester	Nicholas Sannella Jr.	Holyoke, Mass	28	w	Civil Engineer	Boston, Mass.	Nicholas Sannella Olympia Biancho	1	Margaret Hazelton Justice of the Peace
		Gloria L. Mottella	Newfane, Vt.	19	w	At home	Brockton, Mass	Vincent Mottela Amelia Romano	1	Chester
July 24	Conway	Sherman F. Beaudoin	Conway	20	w	Laborer	Limerick, Me.	Wilfred A. Beaudoin Elizabeth Lord	1	William R. Carter Minister
		Marie F. Hastings	Chester	19	w	Leather Worker	Derry	Henry C. Hastings Cora Forsaith	1	Conway
Aug. 5	Chester	Francis J. Shaimas	Peabody, Mass	21	w	Waitress	Danver, Mass.	Michael Shaimas Mary Hawlake	s	P. M. Blankenship Minster
		Vatentyna Sedlar	....	19	w	Leather Worker	Poland	Anthony Sedlar Lena Hammond	1	Chester
5	.....	George J Ouellette	Danvers, Mass.	24	w	Leather Worker	Danvers, Mass	Phydine Ouellette Alexina Legasse	1	P. M. Blankenship Minister
		Ruth M. Lovett	Peabody, Mass	19	w	At home	Chelsea, Mass.	William Lovett Elizabeth Collins	1	Chester
26	Kingston	John W. Lovering	Chester	21	w	Truck Driver	Hillsboro	Oscar M. Lovering Eva A. Scribner	1	E. Ray Burchell Minister
		Alice G. Marsh	Manchester	65	w	Waitress	Manchester	Arthur S. Marsh Luella G. Rowe	1	Kingston
Sept 17	Derry	Frederick Martin	Chester	45	w	Farmer	Lynn, Mass	Wm. H. Martin Eliz J. Craigg	2	Ray H. Cowen Minister
		Louise Brown	Lynn, Mass	23	w	Housewife	E. Boston, Mass	Alfred Hapgood Charlotte Fleming	2	Derry

MARRIAGES CONTINUED.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age of each	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents	Condition	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married
1939 Sept. 30	Fremont	Bernard E. Lovering	Chester	23	w	Carpenter	Hillsboro	Oscar M. Lovering Eva A. Scribner	1	W. F. Shannon Minister Fremont
		Mabel H. May	Auburn	24	w	At home	Auburn	Wm. J. May Annie B. Callahan	1	
Oct. 11	Derry	Robert T. Lewis	Chester	17	w	At home	Chester	Farish G. Lewis Louise Martin	1	Ray H. Cowen Minister Derry
		Marilyn V. Smith	Derry	17	w	At home	Derry	Arthur Smith Rena Roberts	1	
27	Chester	Ernest H. Schoenfeld	Chester	37	w	Farmer	Germany	Ernest B. Schoenfeld Minna Barby	1	P. M. Blankenship Minister Chester
		Winnie F. Edwards		26	w	Housewife	Chester	Harry C. Edwards Ethel Witham	1	
Dec. 9	Manchester	Fernand Raiche		17	w	Carpenter	Manchester	Edward Raiche Delia Masse	1	L. T. Laliberte CatholicClergyman Manchester
		Bertha Yvonne Groulx	Manchester	20	w	Shoeworker		Donat Groulx Blanche Ouelette	1	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H., for Year ending December 31, 1939

Date of Death	Place of Death	Age	Name of Deceased	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1939					
Jan. 19	Chester	91	Augustus P. Morse	Parker Morse	Mary Jenness
Jan. 25	Chester	73	Jennie M. Stowe	Joseph Van Dyne	
Feb. 16	Manchester	72	Alice M. Grant	George Clark	Margaret McLean
Mar. 9	Chester	65	Abbie G. Burnham	Samuel Worth	Charlotte
May 5	Chester	78	Josephine E. Sanders	A. C. Walton	Abbie C. Lewis
July 8	Manchester	78	Francis L. Hazelton	E. S. Hazelton	Susan J. Bean
Aug. 4	Chester	69	Robert F. Dennis	R. F. Denns	Mary A. Doherty
Aug. 11	Chester	54	William B. Clement	Millard A. Clement	Sarah Barnett
Sept. 15	Chester	89	Elizabeth J. Martin	William Craig	Margaret McGee
Oct. 2	Chester	62	Mary A. Sanborn	Augustus P. Morse	Abbie Dinsmore
Oct. 10	Brentwood		Jesse K. Persons	Nathan K. Persons	Lucy Grove
Nov. 1	Chester	74	Frank Maple	Frank Maple	
Dec. 13	Chester	89	Angie W. Hunkins	George Gammett	Martha Rand
Dec. 15	Lawrence, Mass.	50	James Butler	Thomas Butler	

I hereby Certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. C Hazelton, Town Clerk